2022-2023 Indiana Early Intervention Grant Guidance

Vision and Purpose

The Indiana Early Intervention Grant (EIG) exists to improve early literacy through intervention programming. EIG provides funding for research-based professional development, programming, and assessments (including assessments for <u>learning characteristics related to dyslexia</u>) to increase student achievement of literacy and equip teachers to respond to student needs. More details regarding this grant opportunity can be found on the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) <u>EIG webpage</u>.

Indiana Code

EIG funds are governed by House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 (2021), Indiana's biennial budget bill, line item "Early Intervention Program and Reading Diagnostic Assessment."

Eligibility

This grant is open to all accredited public school corporations, charter, accredited non-public, and Choice schools that contain kindergarten, first grade, and/or second grade students. Corporations and schools seeking EIG funds must ensure that their applications meet early intervention criteria outlined in this guidance.

Allowable Use of Funds

Corporations and schools may use funds to support the following:

- Intervention programs based on the Science of Reading framework, focused on the five
 components of reading and corresponding training to support the implementation. Information
 regarding the Science of Reading can be found here. Indiana's Priorities for Early Literacy
 offers guidance and suggestions for the implementation of the Science of Reading.
- A diagnostic assessment or screener that aligns with evidence-based core reading programs
 or that is used to identify learning characteristics related to dyslexia and corresponding training
 to support implementation. Additional information regarding dyslexia screeners can be found
 on IDOE's <u>Dyslexia webpage</u>.

Funding Allocations

Indiana allocates \$2,555,000 for the 2022-2023 EIG. Funding is allocated evenly among students serviced. Students serviced may be in kindergarten, grade one, and grade two.

Allocated Funds per Student	Allocated Funds per Corporation/School
\$2,555,000.00 Total Number of Students	Sum of All Student Allocations

The estimated allocation is approximately \$10.01 per student served. The resulting aggregate may vary depending on the total number of grant recipients. Final amounts will be determined by IDOE

following the application form submission window and statewide distribution and student recipients are calculated.

Schools are not required to participate, and eligible schools may determine the number of students participating in the program. Participation cannot exceed the number of students enrolled in participating grade levels at the time of the application submission.

Requesting of Funds

IDOE will publish distributions through the EIG web page and IDOE's weekly newsletter. The publication will include the distribution spreadsheet showing allotted funds to each approved corporation and a cash request document. Schools must complete all applicable fields on the cash request document (including the dollar amount awarded in EIG funding, located on the published grant distribution spreadsheet) and email the completed request to earlyintervention@doe.in.gov. Upon receipt of the request document, IDOE's Office of Finance will initiate distribution of funds.

Distribution of Funds

Funds from this grant are distributed directly to corporations via electronic deposit. Corporations must track fund expenditures as they relate to allowable use of funds categories. This information should be maintained at the corporation or school's main office as evidence may be requested during a state audit.

Recording/Tracking Funds for End-of-Year Reporting

It is the responsibility of the corporation or school to record and track the use of funds for end-of-year reporting purposes. The total amount expended for each allowable use is required at the end of the 2022-2023 school year in the final grant report.

Timeline of Important Dates

Corporations and schools should use this timeline of important dates to complete required tasks to participate in this grant opportunity.

Date	Event or Task	Additional Information
Monday, June 13, - Friday, July 1	Grant application window.	Directions for applying will be posted through weekly updates from IDOE and on the EIG website.
Friday, August 5*	Distribution list published to schools.	The grant funds distribution list will be shared in weekly updates from IDOE as well as posted to the EIG website.
Starting Monday, August 8*	Funds distributed to schools.	Funds are deposited via electronic transfer.



October 2, 2023	Final report form is open.	All participating schools must complete a final report verifying use of grant funds. (Instructions regarding how to access the final report form will be posted through weekly updates from IDOE and on the EIG website.)
December 15, 2023	Any unused funds must be returned to IDOE.	Unused funds must be returned using directions published through weekly updates from IDOE and on the EIG website.

^{*}Anticipated distribution timeline is dependent on approval and may be subject to change.

Any questions or concerns regarding this process should be directed to IDOE Teaching and Learning Specialist, <u>Adam McMickle</u>.